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STRUCTURE OF A PROSTHESIS INTENDED TO BE IMPLANTED IN A HUMAN OR ANIMAL PASSAGE AND PROSTHESIS WITH SUCH A STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows (Exhibit I contains a marked up version):

1. (Amended) A structure of a prosthesis intended to be implanted in a human or animal passage to provide through-passage along said passage, said structure comprising:

at least one mesh which, at least in part, is approximately cylindrical and comprises at least one corrugated filament forming approximately annular units linked together, at least some corrugations of said corrugated filament of two respective adjacent units of said annular units being linked together by a plurality of linking means, wherein at least some of said linking means comprise links which are made as a rigid piece and which are provided with

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